

ROGER DAY, Ilford's experienced amateur international injured at Wembley on Saturday, is highly unlikely to turn out for his side at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday) when the Amateur Cup finalists visit Wycombe Wanderers in the Rothmans Isthmian League.

Day, a regular member of Charles Hughes' England squad for several years, had to be stretchered off the field in Saturday's final after just 12 minutes. He was the victim of a late tackle from John Dear, that earned the Bishop's Stortford player a booking. Although no bones were broken, Day only came out of hospital on Tuesday and the leg is badly bruised.

In his place tomorrow will be a man of even more experience — Mark Lazarus, the former Queens Park Rangers, Wolves and Leyton Orient star. Lazarus is one of two permit players with Ilford this season, the other being Adrian Eglete, who at one time played for Dutch side Ajax-Amsterdam.

Neither of these two former professionals played in the Wembley final, as permit players are ineligible. They are likely to be the only changes from the team that went down 4-1 to Stortford.

Ilford's rise to fame this season has been quite spectacular. Having lost all ten of their opening matches including a 3-1 home defeat by Wycombe themselves, Ilford acquired the services of John Evans, the former Hendon manager.

Evans quickly signed several recognised players, amongst them Paddy Betson, Andy McDermidd, Peter Drabwell, Tony Turley, John Butterfield and of course, Peter Anderson, who started the term at Wycombe. Only three players — Jeff Bookman, Paul Smith and Dave Guiver — remain from the side that lost to Wanderers in the first match of the season. Results improved accordingly and apart from the cup run, Ilford have suffered only a couple of defeats in over 20 matches.

Any hopes Wanderers might have held of Ilford suffering a Wembley hangover were dispelled on Tuesday night when they defeated improved Enfield 2-0 with goals from Ray Carvell and a Dave Guiver penalty.

Racing

WYCOMBE Wanderers are staging another cinema racing evening at their clubhouse on Wednesday. The first race gets under way at 8 p.m.

LATEST TABLE

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Division One

(up to 24/4/74)

Pen pts

Wycombe Wanderers

Dulwich Hamlet
Hendon
Bishop's Stortford
Leytonstone
Hayes
Walton and Hersham
Ilford
Woking
Leatherhead
Oxford City
Sutton United
Barking
Hitchin Town
Tooting and Mitcham
Kingstonian
Enfield
Walthamstow Avenue
Bromley
Clapton
St. Albans City
Corinthian Casuals

P	W	D	L	F	A Pts	C	D
35	23	7	5	84	27	76	0
38	21	11	6	68	33	74	12
34	20	11	3	55	17	71	1
32	19	8	5	62	19	65	2
34	19	7	8	56	30	64	1
40	17	13	10	64	40	64	5
33	17	8	8	58	41	59	9
36	17	8	11	52	38	59	6
32	18	5	9	50	42	59	4
32	17	4	11	64	39	55	2
38	13	15	10	38	42	54	3
38	13	14	11	49	47	53	1
41	14	11	16	58	67	53	10
35	13	10	12	61	56	49	0
41	13	9	19	53	62	48	6
38	11	13	14	43	41	46	4
38	11	11	16	44	50	44	8
40	10	12	18	42	60	42	11
42	7	9	36	37	82	30	6
42	8	3	31	36	128	27	11
40	4	7	29	30	88	19	6
37	3	4	30	27	91	13	2

HENDON SLIP AGAIN

WHILE Wycombe Wanderers were out of action on Tuesday evening, their nearest rivals in the Rothmans Isthmian League were suffering mixed fortunes — both in the closing stages of their matches.

Hendon, who could have moved to within two points of the Blues, visited Dulwich Hamlet, themselves leaders for much of the season. Ron Haider gave Hendon a dream start by

scoring a second minute goal before Dulwich had settled down.

Gerry O'Rourke headed Dulwich's equaliser in the second half and although Hendon hit back in the closing stages, a penalty two minutes from time presented the home side with the winner. Alan Phillips handled and Trevor Blaydon drove home the spot-kick.

Meanwhile at Tooting,

Bishop's Stortford had to wait even longer for their deciding goal. Without the injured Tony Bass, their forwards struggled to break down Tooting's defence early on but in the second half, Stortford hit back strongly.

It seemed they had left it too late for victory, however, when Martin Smith hit the winner from a corner, just 40 seconds from time.